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Title :	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SIMPLIFIED PATTERNING OF FEATURES IN A COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN (CAD) MODEL		

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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant recognizes that in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed. In the above-referenced application, Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. In particular, Applicant does not concede that all of the identified limitations—i.e., “(Claim 1) "receiving... a minimum boundary-to-feature distance ... modifying the boundary of the geometry piece ... wherein the maintaining continuous enclosure of the pattern is performed by... removing features from the pattern so that the minimum boundary-to-feature distance is satisfied with the remaining features included within the modified boundary.", (Claim 12) "receiving... a minimum boundary-to-feature distance ... modifying the boundary of the geometry piece ... wherein the maintaining continuous enclosure of the pattern comprises ... removing features from the pattern so that the remaining features included within the modified boundary satisfy the minimum boundary-to-feature distance.", (Claim 23) "receiving... a minimum boundary-to-feature distance ... modifying the boundary of the geometry piece ... wherein the maintaining continuous enclosure of the pattern comprises ... removing features from the pattern so that the remaining features included within the modified boundary satisfy the minimum boundary-to-feature distance.", and (Claim 34) "receiving ... a feature for a pattern... included within a boundary of a ... geometry piece, ... modifying ... and... maintaining continuous enclosure of the pattern ... removing one or more features from the pattern”—are necessary to distinguish the prior art of record or to satisfy the

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requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Additionally, Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's statement on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance that "The Feb.3 2001 version of the official corporate website of D-cubed, Ltd. Of Cambridge, England, reads upon the claimed invention" is correct. Furthermore, the claims may be patentable for other reasons. In addition, dependent claims 2-9, 11, 13, 15-22, 24-33, and 35-40 are allowable on their own merits, and are allowable on the basis of a sub-combination of the recited features of the dependent claims and their respective base claims.

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